

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP02/08809

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int.Cl⁷ C07C237/06, 271/22, C07D207/20, 211/70, 295/20, 401/04, 401/06, 401/12, 405/12, 409/04, 417/06, A61K31/165, 31/27, 31/40, 31/451, 31/4523, 31/453, 31/4535, 31/454, 31/4545,

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	EP 710661 A1 (Tobishi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.), 08 May, 1996 (08.05.96), Example 19 & JP 8-119940 A & US 5716958 A	1, 3
X	US 4297346 A (Institut National de la Sante et de la Recherche Medicale), 27 October, 1981 (27.10.81), Table III & DE 2755036 A1 & GB 1592552 A	1, 11-17, 21
X	R.S. KAMEL, J. LANDON, D.S. SMITH, "Novel ¹²⁵ I-Labeled Nortriptyline Derivatives and their Use in Liquid-Phase or Magnetizable Solid-Phase Second-Antibody Radioimmunoassays", Clinical Chemistry, 1979, Vol.25, No.12, pages 1997 to 2002	1, 2, 5

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. See patent family annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:	
"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	"T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
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A, P	WO 02/22588 A1 (Ajinomoto Co., Inc.), 21 March, 2002 (21.03.02), Full text & AU 2001-84504 A	1-23
A	WO 00/01375 A1 (Neuromed Technologies, Inc.), 13 January, 2000 (13.01.00), Full text & JP 2002-519372 A & EP 1091737 A2	1-23
A	WO 95/11238 A1 (SmithKline Beecham Plc), 27 April, 1995 (27.04.95), Full text & JP 9-504016 A & EP 724577 A1	1-23

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:

because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.: 1, 2, 5, 11-13, 15-19, 21, and 22

because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

Claims 1, 2, 5, 11-13, 15-19, 21, and 22 are inadequately supported by the description. Consequently, a relevant prior art technique cannot be specified.

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3. Claims Nos.:

because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Claim 1 and other claims include compounds which are not specifically disclosed in the description and are considerably different in functional group, molecular structure, etc. from the compounds specifically disclosed in the description (for example, compounds in which both R¹¹ and R¹² are hydrogen and compounds in which A is NR¹⁷CO wherein R¹⁷ is aryl; hereinafter, such compounds are referred to as "compounds lacking in disclosure, etc.").

However, the compounds capable of interacting with a receptor are generally limited to those having a specific functional group, specific molecular structure and size, and specific hydrophilicity/hydrophobicity. In view of this, the compounds lacking in disclosure, etc. cannot be presumed to have the same antagonistic effect on N-type calcium channels as the compounds specifically disclosed in the description. The compounds lacking in disclosure, etc. cannot hence be considered to be adequately supported by the description.

Therefore, the compounds lacking in disclosure, etc. cannot be adequately judged as to whether a prior art technique has relevance to them (in particular, with respect to inventiveness).

An international search report was not made with respect to the following compounds and medicines containing any of these:

- a) compounds in which A is neither CH=CH, CH₂CH₂, S, CH₂S, nor SCH₂;
- b) compounds in which V-W is N-CH;
- c) compounds in which Z is N;
- d) compounds in which Y¹, Y³, and Y⁴ each is S;
- e) compounds in which G is SO or SO₂; and
- f) compounds in which R¹¹ and R¹² each is neither formula (6) nor formula (7).

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